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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Robert M. Gates
SUBJECT : Breakfast with Secretary of State Haig

1. The Secretary of State either intends or will be asked to raise the following issues with you at breakfast tomorrow:

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- The Secretary may also mention to you that he will be giving several commencement addresses in the next few weeks and would like to have terrorism be the subject of one. He may ask you for information that he could use in such an address.

2. The following items have been suggested by our own components for you to raise at the breakfast:

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3. Additional subjects you may wish to raise include:

- As suggested by Admiral Inman, you may wish to raise with the Secretary the draft Presidential letter to heads of mission abroad. The draft letter is at Tab F. Our view is that the general tone of the last portion of the letter concerning personnel cuts overseas is at variance with what should be the Administration's objective to strengthen national security in all respects--our defense posture, CIA activities worldwide and strengthening the Foreign Service presence abroad. The letter should be couched in much more positive terms in this regard in our view.

State does not know you may raise this.

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- Advising the Secretary that we have received the Department's request for an intelligence appraisal of Soviet covert action and propaganda, that we have cabled selected stations around the world for contributions and specifics, and that we would like some idea of their preferences on timing. We can provide a quick review in two to three weeks and a more detailed paper in three to four weeks.
- You may wish to allay the Secretary's concerns with respect to the SNIE on [redacted] This SNIE with appropriate sentences highlighted and [redacted] memorandum on the law are at Tab G.

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